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In response to the final Office Action mailed January 18, 2007, in which all pending claims, claims 1-27, were rejected, Applicants respectfully submit the following Request for Reconsideration.

Claims 1-27 are pending but stand rejected on prior art grounds in the present application. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection to the claims and respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance based on the discussion which follows.

Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meresz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,006,065) (hereinafter "Meresz") in combination with Haswell et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,989,090) (hereinafter "Haswell '090) and Haswell, S.J., "Development and Operating Characteristics of Micro Flow Injection Analysis Systems Based on Electroosmotic Flow" (hereinafter "the Analyst article"). Contrary to the rejection, it would not have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the references cited to make the present invention obvious.

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